

**Amendments to the Specification**

On Page 11, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 8 to read as follows:

Referring now to the drawings, and particularly to Fig. 1, the invention is a bracket 10 for mounting a gutter cover 50. The gutter cover 50 is installed on a sheet-metal rain gutter 60, preferably of aluminum. The rain gutter as shown in Fig. 1 has a trough 60 with a front wall 62, a bottom 61 and a rear wall 62. The illustrated gutter cover 50 has substantially flat region 54, that is coextensive and underlying a course of shingles 70. The cover 50 is supported by a lifting strut 12 that extends from the junction 100 of the bracket 10. The distal end of the lifting strut 12 is curved, and protrudes into the inner surface frontal curved portion 52 of the cover 50. The bracket 10 in the illustrated embodiment in Fig. 1 is also shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 5. Referring to Fig. 5, the bracket 10 has three struts, the lifting strut 12, the bracing strut 16 (which is variously embodied as 16a, 16b, 16c and 16d) ~~15~~, and the stabilizing strut 14. The three struts converge at junction 100. The distal end 112 of the.....

On page 12, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, line 15

Please delete the word [tough] and insert the word --- trough --.